

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted together with a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b). This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2008.

Claims 1 and 3-12 were examined and claims 12-18 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 1-23 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 24-30 are presented. Applicants note that support for the new claims is provided by originally filed claims 10, 12 and 18-22.

In the February 7, 2008 Office Action the Examiner indicated that claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected independent claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have accordingly re-presented claim 10 as new independent claim 24. New dependent claims 25-30 parallel originally filed claims 12 and 18-22, respectively and, together with original (now canceled) claim 10, are accordingly supported thereby. Each of new claims 25-30 is dependent from new independent claim 24. Taking account of the allowability of claim 24 per the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 25-30 are allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim.

Applicants emphasize that the claim amendments presented herein are being made to expedite prosecution, and that Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications claiming subject matter that has been canceled herein.

No additional claim fee is believed to be due in respect of newly presented claims 24-30 inasmuch as Applicants have previously canceled at least the same number of claims. In the event the Office is in disagreement and believes any additional fees are owing due to this amendment and/or the accompanying Petition to Revive, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all such fee amounts and any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

No further issues are believed to remain. It is accordingly respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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